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Pallas Projects/Studios

Child Protection Safeguarding Statement 2020

Pallas Projects/Studios (PP/S) is committed to a child-centred approach to our work with children and young people. Our mission is to cultivate an environment of learning and creativity and to support close and sustained engagement of audiences, focusing on the work of emerging, but also mid-career and late-career Irish artists and artist-led practices. Through different strands of programming, including one-off tours and workshops, and outreach school projects, we support children and young people to connect with our mission and aim to create a safe environment for children and young people to grow and develop. This programme is developed by our permanent staff and is delivered by freelance and casual artist and art educators.

We have carried out a comprehensive risk assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our educational programmes as outlined above. We are committed to ensuring that all relevant staff are compliant with our Child Protection Policy and Procedures, and Garda vetting/signed declarations are in place for staff as appropriate.

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are included in our Child Protection Policy.

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in January 2021 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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